

SCRIP TALK

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❖From Ye Ole Editor's Desk❖

I recently accepted the duty as a new Editor your newsletter. My good friend Bill Fugera had decided to retire from the post after having served as your editor for about two years. If you have ever taken on such a task you know how much work it takes to produce this type of publication. It is not easy and Bill has served the hobby well with his uncanny ability to find an interesting story and "put it to paper" on a wide variety of topics. He will be greatly missed as editor and I will have some very large shoes to fill in assuming the job as your editor.

The success of any hobby's publication relies heavily on its members' input. Articles, notes, reminiscences, new and interesting finds and token information is always welcome. Send in your contributions to be published in future issues of Scrip Talk!

In short, I look forward to working with all of you as your Editor and especially look forward to your valued comments, articles, or tidbits of news and information for *ST*! Keep me posted! **Kevin**

Letter from the President

Hello out there in radioland! Have you heard about what can happen when you miss your first scrip meeting in years? While I was in Chattanooga for the birth of *our fifth* grandchild, I was elected President! Well let's see what we can do 'bout dat!

First (because I wasn't in Charleston to do it properly), let me say a great big, "THANKS!" to Billy Campbell for a job done uncommonly well over the past two years! Under Bill's leadership, and with Mike Williams' help, our treasury was put in order; Californian Bill Fugera took over Scrip Talk ((saving the NSCA lotsa money we were paying to have it published); a new member, David Thompson was induced to create a website for the club; Patsy and Fennie Thacker took over responsibility for marketing our books; and perhaps most importantly, Billy almost single-handedly edited and saw to the publication of the Fourth Edition of Volume II of Edkins, without any question the finest version yet! Thank you Bill!

Now that's gonna be a hard cat to scratch after, but let me introduce the leadership team that was elected in Charleston last November: Garrett Salyers of Olive Hill, Kentucky (Tom T. Hall's hometown!), a long-time NSCA member and former President was selected as Secretary; Mike Williams of Knoxville, having served as Secretary-Treasurer for the past two years, agreed to handling our funds for the coming two years as Treasurer; and I was elected President. For those of you who do not know me, my wife Sissy and I live in Pineville, Kentucky (in a home constructed by Black Star Coal Company), and I have been a member of the NSCA since the mid-'70s, collecting scrip from the Tri-State area near home. In years past, I served as Counsel to the club for many years, and then two terms as President.

It is my understanding that those in Charleston (perhaps overawed by the stellar cast selected

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otherwise!) overlooked selecting our Vice Presidents. The NSCA Constitution calls for two VPs. During the past term, the club agreed to having five: Doug Tolley(W.Va.), John Podgurski(Pa.), Patsy Thacker(Va.), Dave Schenkman(Md.), and Dennis Poland(Tn.). To solve our dilemma, the Nominating Committee has suggested carrying these five forward for two more years, and barring a constitutional challenge, I would recommend that we accept this recommendation.

Commencing with this issue of Scrip Talk, in each issue of our newsletter we will publish the names and all contact information for each officer, and we want to encourage all of you to come forward with your ideas, thoughts, suggestions, criticisms of how we can all improve the NSCA. What will YOU volunteer to do? And speaking of contact information, I would like to see us formulate a membership list, updated annually, to be shared ONLY among members, a list that would include all relevant contact info, as well as the collector's personal collecting interests. Any member not wishing to participate could simply opt out. What about this? Who is there out there in the hollers (or elsewhere) willing to help us with this?

Garrett Salyers will be maintaining the club's records, minutes, correspondence, and membership applications and renewals.

Mike Williams will maintain the NSCA treasury, our financial records, and publish a financial statement for the membership in Scrip Talk annually.

Patsy and Fennie Thacker will continue to handle the marketing of our books, including not only the discounted, direct-mail sales to members, but mail orders to non-members, eBay purchases, etc. These two fine people have done a wonderful job in helping restore financial stability with their work.

Kevin Andersen, an old NSCA member and long-time scrip collector from West Virginia, has agreed to take over Scrip Talk(this being his first effort, let's give him a hand!), and I'm confident that he will advance the many improvements made by Bill Fugera. I want to challenge all of you to think about what YOU can do to help Kevin with our newsletter: do you know any interesting stories about the scrip you collect, or the mines in the areas you're interested in, or the history of the coal industry in your part of America? Do you have old photographs of NSCA meetings and members that would be of interest? Know a funny story on another collector you wanna tell? Contact Kevin!

David Thompson, a Bell County Kentucky native transplanted to the chilly climes of Northern Illinois, is our Webmaster. David is an historian of the coal camp he grew up in here(Balkan), but new to our hobby. He has done a wonderful job in getting our new website up, but he will welcome your ideas and input on how it can be improved and expanded.

Our Number 1 priority in this term will be the publication of the Fourth Edition of Volume I of Edkins' Catalogue. Garrett Salyers began this work three or four years ago, Mike Williams joined to help two years ago, and now we are going to finish it! I have appointed a Publications Committee composed of these two fellas, along with David Schenkman and myself. David, as most of you know, has published many authoritative books and scholarly articles on tokens and scrip, as well as serving as President and long-time Editor of the Token and Medal Society(TAMS). This is going to happen soon! Later, we hope to re-print Dodrill's, and then look at Trantow's. Again, we look forward to serving you, and more importantly, we welcome your ideas, suggestions and constructive criticism. *Steve*

Letter to NSCA members,

With regrets I have resigned as editor of SCRIP TALK. Your new editor is Kevin Andersen. Kevin has been a scrip collector for many years. He lives in Oak Hill, West Virginia near the famous New River George. Kevin is an attorney for Fayette County, West Virginia and has excellent writing skills. I first met Kevin in Walter Caldwell's office 15 years ago and I consider him as a good friend.

In 2005 Kevin co-authored with Joe A. Feazell the book FAYETTE COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA TOKENS. In addition to being an author, he was editor of Token Talk newsletter for a period of time. Many of you may have received Token Talk that was started by Walter Caldwell.

I have committed to Kevin that I will continue to contribute articles for SCRIP TALK as time and material availability permits. To help Kevin it is important for club members to contribute articles or suggest topics for SCRIP TALK. If you feel writing is not your thing, please submit a few words of an experience or a topic that can be researched and be put into an article. You will receive full credit for your suggestions.

Thank you. *Bill Fugera*

Billy's Corner

GREETINGS TO ALL NSCA MEMBERS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The fall 2014 meeting at the Charleston Civic Center was very well attended, all 17 tables were used. The threat of bad weather caused us to hold the scheduled meeting a little early, but by that time things were slowing anyway. .

A few words of what has transpired, We have had our 501c7 tax status reinstated thanks to Steve Cavood pointing NSCA to his partner Bishop Johnson who worked with the IRS on our tax exempt issue. Also, we are current in our tax reporting to the Federal government and the state of Kentucky.

Our internet domain registration has been paid until October 9, 2016. Much thanks need to be given to our volunteer webmaster David Thompson for keeping our information up to date for the past 2 years. By the way we have had over 19,500 visitors during that time. visit the website and the look at the guest book, there are questions visitor need answers for.

Thanks need to be given to Donald Clifford for taking over the free ads editor. Many thanks are given to Steve Ratliff for his many years of free ads editor and other volunteer work for the benefit of NSCA over the years also.

Thank you Bill Fugera for your time and many interesting articles during your editorship of Scrip Talk and to Kevin Andersen for continuing Scrip Talk as the new editor.

Patsy and Fennie Thacker has done a wonderful job as the association's book sellers and continue to have success in this area. Please contact them when books are needed.

Another thanks is due to Donald Clifford for his help in making the arrangements for this year's meeting at the Civic Center and lodging.



NSCA really appreciates the vendors and members who brought scrip to the show. It takes a lot of time and effort to bring items, unpack, place, repack, load and who knows what else.

We are truly a not for profit organization. Your dues, volunteer time, and effort is necessary for the continued health of the hobby. Please be an active member by at least researching whatever interests you and write an article, one paragraph or a full story, and share it through Scrip Talk. Ask what you can to help.

The financial report was given by Mike Williams and was accepted as stated without questions.

Two issues were brought to the floor to be voted on. Eleven book case lot pricing was set at \$25 per book plus shipping. Item was seconded and approved by hand vote. Next item was to set the age for senior life membership at

58, item was seconded and approved by hand vote.

The nominating committee of Burley Williams and Doug Tolley nominated Steve Cawood as president and Garrett Salyers as secretary/treasurer. From the floor Garrett nominated Mike Williams as secretary/treasurer, after discussion it was agreed the Garrett would be secretary and Mike Williams would remain as treasurer. The committee brought its own second, the hand vote was unanimous.

All members who paid for their dues renewals or new members who joined NSCA were eligible for a chance on a Edkins 4th edition catalogue, John Podgurski name was drawn. All members who attended the member meeting were eligible for a \$50.00 cash prize. Garrett Salyers won.

Meeting adjourned.



Nuttallburg, WV – Hidden Jewel of the New River Gorge

By Kevin Andersen

Roughly thirty-five years ago a friend and I decided to ride our trail bike motorcycles along the New River Gorge from Thurmond to Fayette Station. We made many stops along the way to look at old ruins of several small coal mining communities, the names of which we had no knowledge at the time. I took many pictures with my old Kodak 110 pocket camera to document the trip. This particular day was clear and quite hot. We traveled roughly 15 miles along the New River that day and never crossed paths with a single soul, save for a train or two that passed through on that day. The New River Gorge was still a year away from being designated as an element of the National Park Service and the now popular whitewater rafting would have been in its extreme infancy, if at all at the time. The gorge was at that time a virtual time capsule of the gorge's history, an outdoor museum of sorts, unprotected from the elements.

There are a few things I saw that day that stand out vividly in my mind: the ruins of the Beury mansion and company store; the old several story doctor's house at Caperton (that eerily leaned to the left); the cut-stone piers of the old swinging foot bridge that crossed the New River at South Caperton; and the Nuttallburg tippie. The tippie at Nuttallburg was the only structure on the North side of New River that hailed from the Gorge's epic past that we witnessed that day. It has rested dormant for nearly twenty years by the time I got there. It appeared structurally sound, and the deep reddish-brown rust color helped this silent sentinel blend in with the mountains as it was slowly being reclaimed by the Earth from whence it came. Even standing in the midst of this megalithic-like structure, it was impossible to imagine what it must have been like to have experienced this place in its heyday. There were no workers' voices heard, no clanking and rattling of coal being shuttled down the tippie to be loaded in cars, no odors of the noxious fumes spewing from the beehive coke ovens or engines idling from the many trains into and out of Nuttallburg. No, other than the subtle sound of nature, all was quiet.



One of the many scenic views on the way to Nuttallburg

Though the heart of Nuttallburg ceased beating 20 years before I first explored it, the story of Nuttallburg actually began some 108 years earlier, when in 1870 John Nuttall began buying coal-rich lands in the New River Gorge. Soon, Nuttallburg would be the second coal mining town to ship the famous “smokeless coal” to markets abroad. From its birth until its rest, several coal companies called Nuttallburg its own. Few company towns in the gorge changed hands more times than Nuttallburg, many of them issuing metal scrip. The companies mentioned in this article are limited to only those that are known to have used scrip at Nuttallburg.

The first company that used scrip was the Fordson Coal Company. Henry Ford, in an attempt to further his “vertical integration” (an effort to maintain complete control of his automobile industry, from coal, coke and steel production, all the way through the finished product) leased the mine at Nuttallburg in 1920. While there are coke ovens still visible near the tippie at Nuttallburg, these predate Ford's presence in the gorge and were not used by the Fordson Coal Co. Ford maintained coal production at Nuttallburg for eight years and had, during his control of the operation, made many improvements. In the end, Ford was unable, and without sufficient finances, to gain control of the one aspect upon which the mining industry was inextricably connected in the gorge– the railroads. Thus, in 1928 Ford sold his interests in Nuttallburg to the Maryland New River Coal Company. Other companies succeeded the Maryland New River Coal Co., and operated mines in the area of Nuttallburg (some at the North end and some at the South end). The known coal companies, listed in chronological order according to their dates of incorporation are as follows, with an asterisk “*” denoting that tokens are known: Nuttallburg Coal & Coke Co. (circa 1903-08); Nuttallburg Collieries Co. (circa 1910); Nuttallburg Smokeless Fuel Co. (5-6-1912); Fordson Coal Co.* (3-9-1923); Maryland New River Coal Co.* (4-6-1917, but operated at Nuttallburg in 1928); Eli Smokeless Co.* (6-21-29); Marvel New River Coal Co. (circa 1930-32); Thurmond new River Coal Co.* (8-25-1931); and New River Smokeless Coal Co.* (6-29-1941) and Stover Coal Co.* (9-11-1941).

Earlier this year I decided to take a drive with my wife and daughter to the Nuttallburg site, which is now under the control of the National Park Service. The NPS gained ownership of the Nuttallburg site when the Nuttall heirs transferred ownership in 1998. In 2011 the NPS completed an improvement project at the site, including restoring and stabilizing the tipple, clearing the vegetation and installing interpretative signs. I would say that the trip was much easier than my motorcycle trip of yesteryear, seeing how it was by truck this time, and by road, not railroad, but the truth is that parts of the descent were quite interesting to say the least. Large stretches of the road were single lane

and with few turn-outs and my mind kept wondering what to do if I met another vehicle going the other way. Somebody would have to do some backing-up and possibly for quite a distance. Fortunately, the trip down and back was without such a meeting, but certainly something to keep in mind if you plan a trip there someday. Upon arriving at Nuttallburg I found good parking and plenty of interpretative signs discussing many aspects of the site as well and directing attention to many of the site's historic remains. When visiting this location be careful of the typical dangers present throughout the gorge: snakes (especially copperheads, but timber rattlers, too), poison ivy and stinging nettle. We saw several visitors there on our trip that day, however, I suspect that visitors at the site are relatively few due its remoteness. This was my only trip back to Nuttallburg since visiting there 35 years ago. Much has changed and it doesn't seem quite as remote as it once did. All the work restoring and cleaning-up the area has made it much more accessible and, according the NPS, "it is considered one of the most intact examples of a coal mining complex in West Virginia and one of the most complete coal related industrial sites in the United States." I'll agree with that.



Willis Vail took this photograph of the road leading down to Nuttallburg circa 1892. In many places the road has only been slightly improved!

Getting to Nuttallburg: Stop by the Canyon Rim Visitors Center at Lansing, WV and pick up a brochure (you can also download one from the Internet). If the center is closed, just follow the signs from the center that direct you to Nuttallburg. A GPS is very handy, too, by using the coordinates 38.05032 N, 81.04013 W.

Tokens of Nuttallburg

(not shown actual size)

Few towns, if any, hosted more different coal companies that used scrip than Nuttallburg! Here's a type-set collection:

The earliest of the Nuttallburg metal scrip known was from Fordson Coal Co. (left) and bore either the "FC" or "FCC" cutout (Edkins #2097 A1). Later Fordson's tokens were redesigned to reflect the trademark scripted font of "*Fordson*" (Edkins #2097 H5a).



**Note: Many of the Fordson Coal Co. Commissaries tokens were used at Banner Fork, Kentucky, too!*





The Stover Coal Company is listed in Gordon Dodrill's "20,000 Coal Company Stores" as having operated from 1921-1930, but according to the business directory listing dates of incorporation, its incorporation wasn't until 1941. While Stover may predate Fordson as an operating company in the Nuttallburg area, Fordson issued tokens prior to Stover. Example at left is Edkins #2097 B1

*Note that there is overlap in companies/tokens at Nuttallburg. The reason is that much of the time there were two companies operating at or near Nuttallburg much of time.

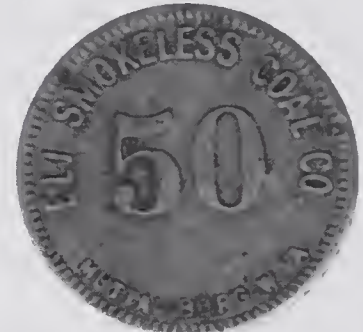
The Maryland New River Coal Co. scrip (left) is the third company known to use metal tokens (Edkins #2097 G25). These are all made from aluminum and bear an "N" piercing.

This company operated at Nuttallburg circa 1928-1945.



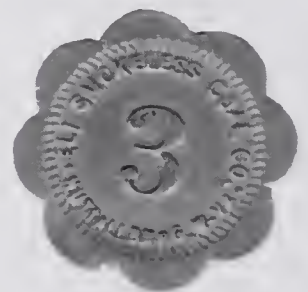
The Eli Smokeless Fuel/Coal Co., operating circa 1930-1941, has the distinction of having an unusual variety of tokens used during its tenure.

The token shown below left is the Edkins #2097 D50 and is a typical token, however, the token shown below right is the Edkins #2097 E50 and has the distinction of having the town name misspelled "MUTTALLBURG". It is unclear at this time when or why the company changed its name from "FUEL" to "COAL", but is certainly the same company.



Perhaps the most unusual token to issue from Eli Smokeless Coal Co. is the famous 3¢ token (Edkins #2097 O3). This denomination was the result of the consumers' sales tax and this company's effort to reduce the loss of its 1¢ tokens being accepted at other stores. The store manager, in a letter to ORCO in 1936, actually requested pricing information for 2¢, 3¢ and 4¢ tokens. Aside from the unusual denomination, the manager wanted the token to be of a different shape to "facilitate identification."

(see the copy of the letter reproduced on the following page)



The Thurmond New River Coal Co. operated circa 1931-? and used the tokens listed in Edkins series #2097 M and N (token depicted is Edkins #2097 N100). The few examples I have seen have been in mint condition, making me question whether they were ever put into circulation.



The New River Smokeless Coal Co. operated circa 1941-1949. This company issued one set of scrip (token depicted is Edkins #2097 L100) and is one of the more commonly encountered among the Nuttallburg tokens.



ELI SMOKELESS COAL COMPANY

PHONE 18F21

GENERAL OFFICE
LITWAR, WEST VA.

NUTTALLBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

PREPAY SHIPPING POINT
SOUTH NUTTALL, W VA

Osborne Register Co.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sept. 26, '36

Dear Sirs,-

we find that due to the cost of having
permits made to meet the Consumers' sales tax collection,
we are suffering a distinct loss in having many
of our permits accepted at other stores, thus not only
the monetary loss, but are left handicapped thro' the inability
to make change as they get away from us in fact (we had 2500)
If you could produce 2, 3, + 4¢ pieces cheaper

1¢ & change the shapes to facilitate identification,
you would, I think, open up a new field for business.

Even tho' we might lose plenty of permits, many sales,
(around 50 cts) call for counting out 4 permits for
the customer a one 1.00 sum (& we 6.00) 3 cents back,
this return on each sale calls for many coins
& is much counting. If you can produce
50% of each of these for half value or less for experiment,
we will gladly try out the idea & report back to you.

What is the best price you can make on permits for
us on old dies? Report order? J B Rupert Staeger.
for Eli Smokeless Coal Co.

“Ole Timers”

By Steve Cawood

(This is the second in what we hope will be a continuing series of interviews with long-time NSCA members.)

John Podgurski is a Vice President of the NSCA from Elysburg, Pennsylvania (328 N. Market St., Zip Code 17824); e-mail: jjpodgur@aol.com, and a Life Member who joined the scrip club about 1975, or perhaps a few years earlier. When interviewed, John recalled one of his first meetings being a large one held at the Ramada Inn, in Beckley, West Virginia.

John, the son of an anthracite miner in Eastern Pennsylvania, does not recall that metal scrip was still in use in the coal camps where he grew up, but that the camps had “hucksters”, peddlers who sold sundries door-to-door on credit, charges subsequently deducted from the miner’s next paycheck.

Podgurski, a Penn State engineering graduate, spent nearly his entire professional career with the federal mine safety agency. Known as the US Bureau of Mines, when John joined the agency, later as the Mine Enforcement & Safety Administration (MESA), and finally as the Mine Health & Safety Administration (MSHA), work with a nexus to coal miners and their employers.

John Podgurski’s first exposure to coal mine scrip was when he moved to West Virginia to join the faculty at the Bureau of Mines Academy in Oak Hill in 1971, and he began spending weekends out visiting old, abandoned coal camps, commissaries and warehouses looking for flame safety lamps and mining paraphernalia.

Podgurski’s first scrip was some of the more common West Virginia pieces, but being from the Keystone state, his collecting interests evolved towards Pennsylvania tokens, exploders, and the “scatter tags” used by coal operators to brand their coal when it was shipped. At the NSCA meetings, John’s bourse table will not only have scrip and tokens, but miner’s lamps and safety devices.

John’s display is always one of the most interesting.

John spent more than fifteen years as an inspector of mine safety and technology, but also as an inspector and supervisor back in Pennsylvania at Shamokin, and Wilkes-Barre, and concluding his mine safety career at headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

John Podgurski has served the NSCA as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President (1994 – 1996), and in fact has been an officer of one sort or another since 1978! Quite a record of service.

When asked for his favorite memories, John’s first was of one of those held at Beckley, or Oak Hill, back in the ‘90’s (?) when the NSCA packed the host motel, and required 55 bourse tables, filling not only the meeting room, but the halls leading to it! Another shocker was the meeting we held at Marion, Illinois (with chartered buses traveling from Pennsylvania and West Virginia), which surprised all of us with a huge crowd of “walk-ins”.

The comradery among scrip collectors was the factor that stuck out foremost in John’s mind. Many of us can remember Podgurski driving Harold “Corky” Snodgrass to the meetings, and he looks upon Fennie and Patsy Thacker as two of his best friends.

To improve our Club, John suggested that we try to resurrect our scrip auctions in Scrip Talk (largely for the benefit of members unable to attend our meetings), and the resumption of a dinner / banquet (which might also be used for business meetings) at our meetings, as well as other activities for member’s spouses and their families to restore a family atmosphere. He also suggested that membership lists be regularly furnished to members.

Podgurski is also an active participant and occasional host for the Eastern Mining Artifacts Association.

The NSCA salutes John Podgurski!

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THE TROUBLE WITH DISTINGUISHING METAL-TYPES AND SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR MAKING PROPER ID'S

With tokens metal-type can make a huge difference in rarity, or can even be a new find, but making that distinction can be very difficult in many instances. Proper identification is essential in identifying certain tokens and certainly when a token is being evaluated for "new find" status. Some problem areas are:

*Brass when Nickel-plated Brass is known. This can be a very tricky one due to the fact than many NP tokens are not much more than "washed" with nickel plating and wears off easily. Therefore, one must examine in the protected low spots, such as inner parts of letters, to see if any NP remains. If the token has much wear to it all, a reliable determination may not be made. In that case, only uncirculated or nearly uncirculated specimens may be needed to identify the brass version from a more commonly encountered NP variety. Conversely, for a token to be considered NP, it must have some NP present. About the only exception is when the token is only known in NP and the specimen being evaluated is worn to the point that no NP remains. It would NOT be considered a new variety as being in brass, but rather it should be classified as the known, or more common variety.

*Nickel or NP. If the specimen is uncirculated or with little or no visible wear, it can be extremely difficult to differentiate N from NP. Of course, if there is any wear, then the type becomes obvious. Without damaging the token, a method I find helpful is using a metal detector equipped with a discriminator feature. As luck would have it, nickel is easy to discriminate, or tune-out, while brass is not so easy. Thus, if you take a nickel and adjust the metal detector until it no longer reacts to the nickel, then pass it over the token in question, if it reacts to the token, then you are relatively sure that the token is Np.

*Copper vs. Brass. This can be another tough one, especially if heavily tarnished. Beware of brass tokens that have spent some time in the ground. Brass is a combination of nickel and zinc. Zinc dissolves readily in even low acidic environments. Thus, if a brass token has the zinc leached out of the brass, the remaining metal will be copper, making the token appear as if it is copper, when it may well be brass.

FORT BRANCH COLLIERIES CO.

BILLY W. CAMPBELL

9-22-14

The records of Ingle-Schierloh has recorded that Fort Branch Collieries Co. ordered 100 pieces of \$1.00 scrip with an "F" cutout on 10-3-1927, to be shipped to Logan, W.VA.

Edkins has Fort Branch Collieries Co. listed in Thurmond, W.VA. as series C100 with a "F" cutout.

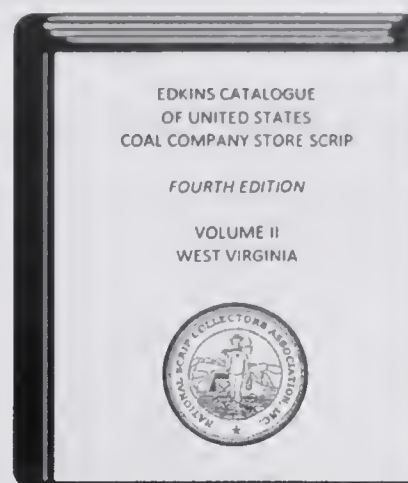
Dodrill has Fort Branch Collieries Co. listed in Fort Branch W.VA. on page 84 Item #F406, with 125 employees from 1927 to 1932.

Bradstreet has Fort Branch Collieries listed from at least 1926 to 1927 in Fort Branch, W.VA. I did not find any listing in Thurmond, W.VA. for any year.

The 1927 Annual Report of the Department of Mines on pages 32-33 has Fort Branch Collieries Co. listed in Logan County, town of Fort Branch, W.VA. with John Jones as superintendent. The mine produced 100,474 tons of coal with 70 inside employees and 46 outside employees.

In an ANDERSEN-FEAZELL PUBLICATION in 2005, *FAYETTE COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA TOKENS* on page 93, the following is listed: "No evidence that this company ever operated in or near Thurmond, rather, evidence shows that this company operated in Logan County. Fort Branch is the name of a town in Logan County. Fort Branch Collieries Company was known to have operated in Logan County and in September, 1925 it leased 1150 acres of land to mine coal from Fort Branch Coal Corporation (see the WV Supreme Court case Dingess-Rum Coal Company V. Draper Eagle Coal Company 108 W.VA. 37 (1929)). On October 3, 1927 the Fort Branch Collieries Company ordered 100 copper \$1.00 pieces with an "F" cutout. The token formerly listed under Thurmond is the only token known that fits that description and has not heretofore been attributed to any other town or county. Thus, this token should probably be attributed to Logan County."

The "C" series of Thurmond 2751 (Fayette) C100 has been deleted from this town and moved in entirety to the town of Fort Branch 1049 (Logan) as series "F" F100.

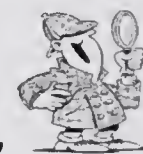


Edkins 4th Edition Volume II, WV Changes, Corrections & Additions

When is a catalogue really finished? The answer is a simple one --- *never!* Catalogs such as the Edkins Catalogue of United States Coal Company Scrip are necessarily always going to be a "work in progress". Aside from the inevitable corrections here and there, new finds will surface for many years to come.

Billy Campbell has graciously offered to provide via email to anyone requesting it, his list of "Changes, Corrections & Additions" that he has compiled since the 4th Edition was published. If you would like an emailed copy of the "Changes, Corrections & Additions", send Billy your request to: bwcok@knology.net and he will send you the email attachment containing the updated information.

New Finds . . .



While on the subject of updates, let us know if you have any new finds to report! In the spirit of sharing such information we all gain a better understanding of our hobby.

Your can email your New Finds information to Billy Campbell [WV] at: bwcok@knology.net, or

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